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BY "COMMENTATOR"

THE story of Pandarus in Homer's "Iliad" is perhaps the earliest perfect description of a case of political provocation. A truce had been reached between the Trojans and the Greeks and a duel had taken place between Menelaus and Paris to reach a decision in the protracted struggle. But Zeus was in favour of continuing the battle, and he sent Pallas Athene down to earth. She leapt down among the Trojans and convinced one of them, Prince Pandarus, (described as a treacherous fool by both Homer and Shakespeare) to shoot Menelaus with his arrow. Pandarus did as he was told, but Pallas Athene who had been the main supporter of the Greeks took care that Menelaus was not seriously wounded, and the only result of Pandarus' action was the renewal of the general battle.

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LAST week provocation occurred in Tel Aviv. We are not concerned with the Pandaruses, the small fry of treacherous fools who are after all only instrumental in carrying out schemes and intrigues designed by very different people. There are not a few such ex-terrorists, the flotsam and jetsam of our political life, the lunatic fringe of the Right and the semi-Fascists, and a purge of this jungle in our public life has long been overdue. Yet the salient fact is, that even if the bomb outrage was carried out by these self styled "anti-Communist" circles, the inspiration must have come from elsewhere, because these groups lack political will and direction and probably the necessary money as well. The obvious question to be asked was therefore: who in this country had a motive for preparing and carrying out the bomb attempt? It is likely of course that those who engineered the provocation decided to use "anti-Communists" just as Pallas Athene, the friend of the Greeks, used a Trojan to break the truce. Of course they would not send Communists to do the job, for that would after all be contrary to one of the first rules of a provocator. But meanwhile the impression was gained abroad that last Monday's outrage was indeed the work of "anti-Soviet" and "anti-Communist" elements, and incalculable damage was done which is only now being partially undone by comparison with the Nazis' Reichstag fire — a comparison drawn by a noted B.B.C. commentator, Lindley Fraser.

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THE acts of the Soviet leaders are hardly ever affected by considerations of prestige: they calculate coldly on a long term basis, and there are no impulsive or emotional moments to be found in the known history of Soviet foreign relations. Much worse things have happened to Soviet diplomatic envoys abroad, such as the murder of a Soviet diplomat in Switzerland in 1923 and the murder of another in Warsaw in 1927, the bombing of Soviet legations in Helsinki, Santiago, and Bogota, as well as armed raids on such buildings in China, London, and elsewhere at various times. Only in the first case were diplomatic relations severed, and then not because of the murder itself but because the Swiss refused to apologize and pay compensation.

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THE real reason is of course that the Kremlin behaves like the bureaucrat in Saltykov-Shedrin's story who "un-discovers" America, because it does not fit in with his ideas. They have their preconceived notions about the non-existence of the Jews as a people and a nation: the Jews simply do not fit into their blue-print of what they call the "national question." The Jews have to disappear so that Stalin's genial predictions of 1913 might come true. Israel has to be "un-discovered" — or rather unrecognized. And the Soviet leaders do not realise apparently that instead of liquidating the Jewish problem (using the ambiguous Russian term) they make every Jew and every non-Jew in the world more Jew-conscious than ever before. Persecutions have aggravated not solved this problem for more than 2,000 years.

Jerusalem, February 15.

Frontier Police Guard U.S., Czech Buildings

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Green-beretted men of the Frontier Police Force, in khaki battledress with dark blue police puttees, have been placed on guard at the Czechoslovak Legation and outside the U.S. Embassy here. Others took up posts outside the Soviet Legation building on Thursday.

They took over from the regular police, who remain on duty outside the other embassies, legations and consulates in town. The frontier policemen are armed with Sten-guns.

The Soviet Legation appeared to be the favourite of Sabbath strollers here today, and scores of persons of all ages stood about Rothschild Boulevard outside the building, staring at the shuttered windows. Behind the shutters lights shone in all rooms as the Legation personnel apparently continued their job of packing up their papers and their personal effects. It is not yet known when the Legation staff will leave Israel.

Women Leave

Mme. Clavdia Yershov, wife of the Soviet Minister, is reported to have left the Legation building yesterday and to have moved to the Russian church in Abu Kebir for security reasons. Some of the other Legation women left with her.

A young man who failed to heed the instructions of the guard to move away from the entrance of the Legation today was arrested and held without bond.

The Legal Division of the Foreign Ministry is now understood to be investigating the legal procedure and implications of the severance of relations. Mr. Y. Tekoah, Deputy Legal Adviser to the Foreign Ministry, was about to leave for Moscow to replace Mr. Arieh Aroch as Second Secretary at the Legation there when the news of the Soviet step was received. He is now remaining at Hakirya helping to deal with the formalities.

31st Suspect Held In Bomb Case

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—The 31st person to be arrested in connection with the bombing of the Soviet Legation, Marko Levi, was remanded in custody for five days by a Magistrate yesterday.

Levi, owner of an electrical equipment shop in Jerusalem, was charged with conspiring to deposit the bomb. He told the Judge that though he was a member of the Anti-Communist League he had nothing to do with the bomb. He came to Tel Aviv with his small daughter to take part in the League's meeting, he said. The Judge fixed bail at IL.500 if the police agree to his release before the five days elapse.

Meanwhile, two of the suspects in detention here were released yesterday when the police told a Magistrate that they had found no incriminating evidence against them. They were Raimond Sebag, of Jaffa, and Jan Greenblat, of Tel Aviv.

More to be Released

Police expect to release some of the others before the expiration of the 10 days' remand against them. Mr. Avraham Fugel, of Tel Aviv, who is responsible for the hiring out of the Bet Ha'am Hall, received a letter early last week threatening him against letting the Communists use the hall "or else the proper conclusions will be drawn."

The letter, according to the police, was delivered in person by a man aged about 20, lean and sunburned who spoke Hebrew and introduced himself as the messenger of the "Hanoar Haivri" (The Hebrew Youth).

5 FREED IN JLEM

The five suspects detained on a Jerusalem Magistrate's Court order on Thursday for 24 hours, were released on Friday on personal bonds of IL.150 each. The Police stated that they did not oppose their release, as they could no longer hinder the investigation.

The five are: A. Geler, H. Lernover, M. Rogov, A. Tzeals, and Miss E. Erson. All had attended meetings of the Anti-Communist League.

'Pravda' Says Israel Apologies 'False'

MOSCOW, Saturday.—"Pravda" today published one of the sharpest attacks ever printed against a foreign state, headlining it "Terrorist acts of Tel Aviv and the false apologies of the rulers of Israel."

The article, written by Yuri Zhukov, prominent Soviet journalist, said, "The base and vicious deeds of the Zionist bandits against the Soviet Mission looked like an attempt to show that the Jewish bourgeois nationalists, despite their numerous failures, intend to continue their dark deeds."

The newspaper said the explosion was "directly linked with all the subversive activity of Israel intelligence against the Soviet Union" and that the Israel Government had long ago "inspired a dirty campaign against the Soviet Union which took on a particularly odious character after the security organs of the USSR and people's democracies cut off the bloody fingers of the international Jewish bourgeois nationalist Joint Distribution Committee."

It continued "The band of mad dogs from Tel Aviv is disgusting in its thirst for blood. The people of the world, among them the people of Israel, will brand this new crime of the Zionist terrorists." It warned that the "base criminals" cannot "avoid responsibility for their vicious deed."

The article branded as "hypocrisy" Prime Minister Ben Gurion's apology for the bombing incident.

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1,000 Dead, Seven Villages Ruined In Persian 'Quake

TEHERAN, Saturday — Foreign Minister Hussein Fatemi said today that more than 1,000 persons were probably killed in the Shahrud earthquake on Thursday, but a search for bodies continues and official figures will be revealed later.

Seven villages in the area, about 360 kilometres east of Teheran, are said to have been destroyed and 3,500 persons are said to be homeless.

The American and Swiss Red Cross societies have offered aid.

Radio-equipped rescue teams in the area reported there was not one wall standing in Turood village, home of about 400 families which was destroyed by the earthquake. Teheran Radio officially announced that 950 people had been killed in Turood.

(AP, Reuter)

MIRIELLA OIL HELD

VENICE, Saturday (Reuter).—The Venice Tribunal tonight ordered 5,000 tons of oil brought here by the tanker Miriella from the nationalized Anglo-Iranian oil fields in Persia to remain in storage for the next 15 days.

The Tribunal president announced that the cargo must be held for that time while he decided on the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's demand for "a judicial sequestration" of the oil on the grounds that it was the "stolen property" of the company.

The Italian ship had arrived here soon after dawn after a 50-day trip from Persia. Her ramshackle pump strained at the seams to unload as much as possible of the oil before the Tribunal hearing.

Cuts in U.S. Forces Abroad Demanded

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — A two-man Senate subcommittee today demanded major reductions in American units "sitting idly in the muck and mire of Europe, Africa, Asia and the Arctic Circle." Their report is expected to be the basis for Congressional moves to reduce troop commitments to European defence projects.

It claimed that unless the military expansion programme were checked it would "require the virtual building of small, modern American cities throughout the world," and stationing "perhaps 750,000 servicemen in remote areas for the next generation."

Renewed North Sea Flooding Feared

AMSTERDAM, Saturday (UP). — Netherlands troops and police forced families from their homes on Schouwen island today and a state of emergency was declared in the Malines area of Belgium, as a menacing flood tide swept in from the North Sea. On the East coast of Britain thousands of troops and civilians worked in the worst storm of the winter to bolster the breached sea walls.

The floods that caused 1,856 deaths in four North Sea countries a fortnight ago threatened fresh disaster this weekend. The high tide will hit the coasts again tomorrow night. Even today it swept inexorably over the lowlands which had been flooded in the last disaster.

A dyke breach near Kruiningen on the narrow tongue of land connecting the island of S. Beveland was 500 metres long and 22m. deep at low tide today and it was still growing.

In Belgium, the River Dyle overflowed its banks today and the Mechelen authorities have declared a state of emergency and have appealed for military help.

East Germany To Restrict Travel

BERLIN, Saturday (AP). — The Russian zone of Germany has completed plans virtually to "freeze" its 18 million population, much as the Soviet Union prohibits travel within its borders.

A Jewish refugee, who asked to remain anonymous, saw the documents before he fled to West Berlin and gave the details today.

The key to the "freeze" lies in new identity cards which are to permit travel within a certain limit. For most East Germans, the maximum will be 32 kilometres.

The cards will be issued, the informant said, the day the Federal Parliament at Bonn ratifies the European defence treaty. Part of the plan to be launched then, it was said, is to proclaim the National Army officially and institute a conscription law.

East German Communists said flatly today that the West Berlin population must overthrow the city government of Mayor Ernst Reuther "or feel the consequences."

In an article in "Neues Deutschland," Alfred Neumann, Communist Deputy Mayor of East Berlin, indicated that the Communists might not wait with their isolation measures.

(AP, UP)

Six East Germans Jailed for Sabotage

BERLIN, Saturday (Reuter). — An East German court at Dresden today sentenced three East Germans to life imprisonment and three others to 15 years hard labour each for forming a sabotage and espionage group, the East German news agency ADN reported.

Four of them — one a woman — were tram conductors, one a policeman and one a railway worker. They were charged with having spied on Soviet Army installations on orders of the U.S. secret service. They had also derailed several trains carrying vital goods.

Eban Says West's Duty to Give Israel Diplomatic, Material Aid

WASHINGTON, Saturday. — Israel Ambassador Abba Eban stated yesterday that it was the duty of the Western Powers to give material and diplomatic support to Israel following the USSR's diplomatic break with her. He told a press conference that the West had "a moral obligation" to issue public statements assuring Israel of their full support.

"Defenders of freedom everywhere owe us help to strengthen us in body and spirit," he said. Israel "has risked much and sacrificed much for freedom."

Mr. Eban avoided making any specific suggestions on how Israel should be strengthened by the West, but said that once this principle was accepted the Israel Government would not be lacking in suggestions on ways to implement it. Speaking generally, he added that Israel would like to see its economy and military potential strengthened.

'Fervent Policy'

The Israel Ambassador called on the Western Powers to make clear to the Arab world the "fervent policy" of the West to bring about peace between Islam and Israel.

After reading the statement, Mr. Eban answered the questions of the reporters. He said that in addition to getting positive physical and moral support, Israel would like to see the West abstaining from any action which would increase Israel's vulnerability. He cited the sale of jet planes to the Arab states, which, he said, had such an effect. Although he had not asked the State Department specifically for an expression of support, he pointed out that there was considerable pressure for bringing the subject of the Soviet treatment of Jews before the U.N. General Assembly, which reconvenes in New York in about 10 days.

Comment Withheld

Mr. Michael McDermott, the State Department spokesman, meanwhile, withheld comment for the second day on the Soviet action in breaking off diplomatic relations with Israel. Informed quarters believe that the U.S. Government is withholding comment for fear that anything said officially here might be twisted by Moscow and turned against Israel and the Jews behind the Iron Curtain. Observers here concede that some statement of U.S. goodwill might be welcomed by Israelis in their hour of anxiety. But such a statement in essence would be a reiteration of the policy which has long been followed toward Israel by the U.S. and in which, it is felt here, Israel is by now have steady confidence. It is felt that a brisk American comment on the Soviet-Israel diplomatic break could be well seized upon by Russia to further their propaganda claim that Israel and Zionist leaders are American agents.

British, U.S. Press See Bombing As Only a Pretext for Rupture

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter).—Two British Liberal newspapers said today that the explosion at the Soviet Legation in Tel Aviv was only a pretext for the USSR's break in diplomatic relations with Israel.

The "Manchester Guardian" said by her action Russia has "locked a door which it had already slammed," and that while it is "still hard to tell exactly how the recrudescence of anti-Semitism on a special Soviet pattern is affecting the 2,500,000 Jews in Eastern Europe... there is already enough evidence to feel the worst fears."

The paper said that "nations do not automatically break with each other when their diplomatic offices are attacked. The clumsy manner in which the Soviet Government have chosen to stalk out only shows how little it now deems for the effect of its acts outside the Soviet Union."

It continued: "The explosion, however it took place, can be assumed to have provided a convenient occasion for the Soviet rulers to do what they already had in mind to do. The break with Israel serves the purposes of the internal campaign against Jewish bourgeois nationalist and Zionist organizations which has been enlarged to take in all those who fail to show vigilance — that is, awareness of the ever-present threat of 'imperialist aggression'."

The "News Chronicle" said that if Russia had wanted to maintain diplomatic relations with Israel "it would have needed a good deal more than the explosion of a terror bomb . . . to deter them."

The "New York Times" feared that "no good and perhaps a great deal of harm" must be expected to follow the break, and deplored the bombing incident which gave the Russians the pretext for the gesture.

Jews Being Cowed

The paper said the rupture "fits into the drama now being played inside Russia in which Jews are being persecuted or cowed for reasons of internal security and discipline," and considered the possibility that the Russians were "making a bid for the sympathy of the Arab world."

It also saw that the move was cleverly calculated to make matters more difficult for the U.S. in the Middle East: "It will increase tension, exacerbate the Arab-Israel quarrel and emphasize the already existing resentment of the Arabs against the U.S. for its role in creating Israel."

The "New York Herald Tribune" said a group calling itself "Young Hebrews" was "eagerly assuming responsibility for the bombing" and added "But the avidity with which Moscow has seized upon the incident to break off relations with Israel indicates that the Young Hebrews have been fitted neatly into the Kremlin's timetable."

Senate to Consider Soviet Anti-Semitism

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter).—Democrat Senator James Murray said today he would ask the Senate to consider on Monday a resolution condemning "the revival of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union."

In a statement Mr. Murray said he expected unanimous approval of a resolution expressing "shock at the reports concerning persecution of the Jewish people."

ZIONISM ATTACKED IN BERLIN AND UKRAINE

BERLIN, Saturday. — The "Taegliche Rundschau," official Soviet Control Commission newspaper, said today that Zionism was suppressing the national liberation movement in the Near East.

The paper, attacking Zionism as an American espionage agency, said; "Armed Zionist troops have taken away the land of many Arab farmers and driven them into the desert. Arab workers have been driven out of factories. The common class interests of Zionist leaders and English imperialists have made them allies in the fight against the working masses in the Near East."

The "Pravda Ukraine" said today: "A vile group of Jewish bourgeois nationalist Zionists" has been unmasked at Odessa University. The paper also mentioned that the library of the Czech Economic Institute had vanished on its shelves "diverse hostile writings — articles by the worst public agencies and writings of American imperialism."

(Reuter, UP)

China Marks Anniversary Of Soviet Friendship Pact

HONKONG, Saturday (Reuter). — A rally marking the third anniversary of the Chinese-Soviet friendship treaty, attended by more than 1,000 representatives of China, Russia and her satellites, unanimously paid tribute to Marshal Stalin.

The Chinese leader, Mao Tse-tung, in a message to Stalin said: "The sincere and selfless assistance which the Soviet Government and people have rendered to the new China has accelerated the recovery and development of China's economy and is also of even greater significance to the implementation of China's first five-year plan of large scale construction."

Committee on Foreign Affairs Meets Today

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee will meet in Jerusalem tomorrow morning. Foreign Minister, Sharett will participate.

Britain and France Agree on Roles in Defence of Europe

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). —Britain and France reached full agreement on the leading part which both countries have to play in the European Defence Community and the defence of the free world, according to a communique issued last night after the two-day Anglo-French Ministerial talks here.

The communique said it was recognized that the continued full support of Britain for the E.D.C. was an essential element for the establishment of this community and therefore for the strengthening of the Atlantic alliance.

The two nations are also reported to have reached full identity of views on all major world problems, including the Korean war situation and the possible effects of President Eisenhower's decision to facilitate Chinese Nationalist attacks against the Chinese mainland from Formosa.

Though Britain has not promised unilaterally to extend her 24-year guarantee to the six European Army nations, she is said to be prepared to support any French move to extend the life of the 20-year Atlantic alliance to 50 years in line with the European Army treaty.

The French negotiators, Prime Minister Andre Mayer, Foreign Minister Georges Bidault and Economic Affairs Minister Robert Buron returned to Paris today.

DULLES OPTIMISTIC

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said in a speech on Thursday that his tour of Western Europe this month had led him to the conclusion that the project for the European Defence Community "was not dead but only sleeping."

He said that he and Mr. Harold Stassen, Mutual Security Administrator who accompanied him, returned with the feeling that there was a good chance that the E.D.C. would be brought into being, for although there were still many hurdles to be overcome, there was a will to proceed.

Two to Die For Oradour Carnage

BORDEAUX, Saturday (Reuter). — A military court here yesterday passed sentence of death on a German sergeant-major, Karl Lenta, for his part in the massacre of 642 villagers of Oradour sur Glane in June 1944.

Four other Germans were sentenced to terms of hard labour, one to ten years imprisonment and another acquitted. Eighty-five other Germans were sentenced to death in their absence. Some of these are believed to have been killed in the Normandy fighting but some, including the SS. company commander, Captain Otto Kahn, who gave the order for the slaughter, are believed to be in hiding.

Sergeant George Boos, an Alsatian who volunteered for service with the SS., was also sentenced to death. The 13 other Alsatians charged were given hard labour or prison terms.

The military judges, presided over by a civilian, M. Marcel Saint-Saens, spent more than 20 hours considering their verdict.

The Germans had suddenly come to Oradour and razed the village. Only seven villagers escaped the carnage—five men who had hidden, or shammed death, and a woman and child. The others had been herded into barns and the church, machine-gunned and then covered with wood and straw and burned.

Reparations Pact Put Before Bundesrat

BONN, Saturday. — The Government yesterday submitted to the Bundesrat (Upper House) the compensation agreement with Israel. A Government spokesman said, "We hope the agreement will be passed by Parliament very soon without difficulty.

The treaty has also to be passed by the Bundestag (Lower House) and signed by President Theodor Heuss. Its adoption is almost assured as the majority of the government coalition and the Social Democratic opposition have promised their support.

The Upper House is expected to debate the treaty on February 20 and the Government hopes to have it finally ratified before March 31, when shipments are scheduled to begin.

In Hamburg today, German shipowners in a memorandum recognized the need of compensation to Israel but expressed surprise that the German merchant fleet should be debarred from transporting goods under the agreement. The shipowners asked that before the agreement was ratified the Government should make certain that German ships be allowed to take part in the deliveries and enter Israel ports. The memorandum was sent to the Government and members of the Bundestag.

At the same time the Finance Ministry announced the completion of a draft law unifying and regulating on a Federal basis the Laender compensation laws for Jews and others who suffered at the hands of the Nazis. The compensation is expected to cost the Federal Government $1.027m. (Reuter, UP)

East Germans Open Cairo Trade Talks

CAIRO, Saturday (AP).—East Germany entered into trade talks with Egypt here today as a West German economic delegation prepared to fly back to Bonn after discussions whose outcome was still uncertain.

Bonn's representatives have been here for more than ten days. They have had several meetings with Egyptian and Arab representatives in an attempt to stave off the threatened Arab economic boycott of West Germany over the Israel reparations issue. The Bonn delegation met Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi and Arab countries' diplomatic envoys, for the last time this morning.

An agreement had been prepared on a large German loan as "compensation" to Egypt, but the West Germans claimed discrepancies between the terms requested by Egypt and those Bonn was prepared to meet.

Meanwhile the East Germans met Egyptian Foreign Office officials this morning. Reliable informants said that East Germany was interested in buying Egyptian cotton and onions. In return, informants said, East Germany was prepared to supply machinery, electrical appliances and other technical and industrial equipment.

However, it was reported that the East Germans ran into difficulty when they requested that their goods be paid for in American dollars. This, Egyptian quarters said, was out of the question.

Sudanese Jubilant Over Agreement

KHARTOUM, Saturday.—More than 60,000 jubilant Sudanese crammed into Kitchener Square today to hear Governor-General Sir Robert Howe congratulate them on "this solemn and historic day in the history of the Sudan."

Acclaiming the pact, Sir Robert said the Sudanese "stand upon the threshold of self-government. They are in sight of their ultimate objective —self-determination."

Both Sir Robert and his Civil Secretary, Sir James Robertson, emphasized the clauses giving the Governor-General protective powers over the primitive southerners — one of the major issues of the negotiations.

In Cairo today, the Government proclaimed a national holiday to join the Sudanese rejoicing over the signature of the treaty.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi said that negotiations are under way to set a date for the opening of talks on the evacuation of British troops in the Canal Zone.

In Harlow, England, Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd said on Friday that British policy toward the Sudan has been fulfilled with the signing of the agreement. He told a meeting that Egypt had thereby recognized the Sudan's right to determine its own future, and said, "We intend to continue to give to the people of the Sudan, within the framework of this agreement, the help and encouragement which we know they will need."

(UP, Reuter)

COMMONS WILL DEBATE PLANES TO ARABS

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). —The Commons will debate the sale of British aircraft to Egypt and other Middle East countries on Tuesday, it was announced yesterday.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, the deputy opposition leader, requested the debate last Thursday.

IRAQ PROTESTS TO U.N.

BAGHDAD, Saturday (Reuter) — Iraq is protesting to the U.N. against the "inhuman actions" by Israel along the armistice lines which have resulted in 394 Arab civilians — alleged infiltrators — being killed and 227 wounded by Israel armed guards.

Pope Appeals Again For Rosenberg Clemency

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter). —The White House announced today the receipt of a new letter from the Vatican on appeals filed with the Pope for intervention on behalf of the Rosenbergs.

Asked whether the President might reconsider his decision of last Wednesday refusing to stop the execution, the White House Press Secretary Mr. James Hagerty, told reporters "the statement he issued on the Rosenbergs speaks for itself." He said the whereabouts of an earlier Vatican message, which the Apostolic delegate to Washington said yesterday was transmitted to the Justice Department through him last December, was still a mystery to both the White House and the Justice Department.

M. Emanuel Bloch, lawyer for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted atom spies, today called for an investigation into what happened to the appeal earlier made by Pope Pius XII "out of charity."

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The Labour Government which has ruled New South Wales for 12 years was returned to power again in Australia's State elections yesterday. With three seats still in doubt when counting finished at midnight, the Labour Party had gained seven new seats.

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi were present at yesterday's service at the Yeshurun synagogue, Jerusalem. The President was "called" to Maftir, Chief Rabbi and Mrs. Herzog, Mr. Justice M. Silberg, Chief Rabbi and Mrs. H. Swift, of Natal were among the many distinguished members of the large congregation. Cantor I. Bar-Zakkai officiated.

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Last night's special concert of the I.P.O. in Tel Aviv, under the baton of Walter Susskind with Rivka Burstein-Arber as soloist, was attended among others by the Minister of Interior and Mrs. Rokach; the Minister of Commerce and Mrs. Bernstein; the Minister of Communications and Mrs. Saphir; and the Minister of Agriculture and Mrs. Naphtali.

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Mr. Michel Girard, of the F.A.O. and secretary of the Mediterranean Fishing Association, left by L.A.I. on Friday after a two-week visit here as a guest of the Ministry of Agriculture.

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Dr. Joseph B. Wolffe, Medical Director of the Valley Forge Heart Institute, and Mrs. Wolffe recently visited the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, where they were received by the Dean, the Director of the Hadassah Medical Organization, the Deputy-Administrator of the University and a number of the professors. Dr. Wolffe presented the Dean with a cheque for $2,000, which was raised by the Poale Zion of Philadelphia in his honour and is to be used as a loan fund for needy medical students.

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At a general meeting of the Israel-Turkish Chamber of Commerce in Tel Aviv last week, Mr. S. Chertok was elected President of the Chamber and Mr. Polonski President of the Actions Committee.

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Dr. N.H. Tur-Sinai, Professor of Hebrew and Semitic Philology at the Hebrew University, has returned from a tour in the U.S. and Canada, where he lectured at various Universities and before Jewish academic institutions and Hebrew-speaking groups.

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BIRTH

FELDMAN—To Berenice, (nee Bugeslav), wife of Aharon Feldman, on Tuesday, February 10, at the Elisha Hospital, Haifa—a son.

Memorial Meeting For Dr. Haim Kugel

HOLON, Saturday (ITIM). — The Knesset Speaker, Mr. Sprinzak, and Foreign Minister Sharett were among 1,000 persons, including Knesset Memebrs and representatives of various public institutions, who attended a memorial meeting, marking the end of the week's mourning for Mr. H. Kugel, Mayor of Holon.

The meeting took place at the Migdal Hall here on Thursday. It was opened by Mr. Y. Zelmer, Deputy Mayor. Eulogies were delivered by Mr. David Weizmann, Secretary of the Local Labour Council, Mr. P. Eylon, Acting Mayor, and Mr. M. Argov, M.K.

Magistrate's Court For Beersheba

A Magistrate's Court will be opened at 11 a.m. today in Beersheba.

Judge Zion Aluf will serve as Chief Magistrate. The Court will begin bearings on March 2.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

2, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Two Weeks With Love.
EDEN: Blossoms in the Dust.
EDISON: The Adventures of Ichabod and Mr. Toad.
OR-GIL: This Woman is Dangerous.
ORION: Viva Zapata.
ORNA: Deadline U.S.A.
STUDIO: Il Barbiere de Seviglia.
ZION: Le Plaisir.

Imports and Exports— Paradox of Israel's Trade

POST Economic Correspondent

THE dismantling of controls proceeds quickly and meets with the approval of the public as well as the experts. A far-ranging discussion has now arisen about the expediency of extending decontrol to currency. Economic experts differ widely on this crucial point. There are some who demand the immediate abolition of currency control and believe that once done, much money which was smuggled abroad would be brought back and foreign investors who were afraid of transferring capital to the country because they did not want it to be frozen would now avail themselves of the opportunity and enlarge our reserves of hard currency. These people deny the danger of capital flight because they do not think that there is much capital left for transfer abroad.

Other experts — and their opinion has no less weight than that of their antagonists — maintain that the abolition of currency control at this juncture would be disastrous; that the hope of attracting foreign capital is slight, and that even if certain imports of foreign capital were to result, the flight of local capital would by far outweigh this increase.

Both sides reinforce their arguments with experience from other countries. The opponents of abolition point to an attempt in England which failed, and the other side to certain countries on the European continent which fared well under a free exchange rate. The trouble with all these examples is that none of them fits our peculiar case. No other country in the world is in the same currency position as Israel; none depends to such an extent on currency influx from abroad, and none has an adverse trade-balance of similar dimensions. We must therefore base our decision on this crucial issue entirely on the study of our own position.

Influx of Luxury Goods

Defenders and opponents of currency decontrol are united on one point: both maintain that a classified list of imports should be drawn up in order to ensure that we are provided with necessities and not swamped with inessentials. How important this precaution is, and will be for a long time to come, is demonstrated by the display of goods now to be seen in the shop-windows.

Since decontrol began some weeks ago, the shops are full of goods of every sort, among them luxuries which mock our empty purses. There are gorgeous textiles side by side with expensive crockery, leather goods and gadgets of all kinds. If we ask where all these riches come from, the answer is that they have been here for a long time, that they were imported by devious routes in order to escape the artificial exchange rate; now, after their sale has become legal, they appear above the counter.

It is obvious that we must prevent with every means at our disposal full or partial abolition of currency control if this were to result in precious dollars being diverted to the purchase of luxuries. There is no sense in our importing brocades when our factories are idle for lack of raw materials.

It may be argued that, once the Israel pound is left to find its own exchange level unaided by artificial manipulation prices in Israel will go up so steeply that there will in any case be no market for luxuries and that importers will therefore not find it worth while importing goods they will be unable to sell.

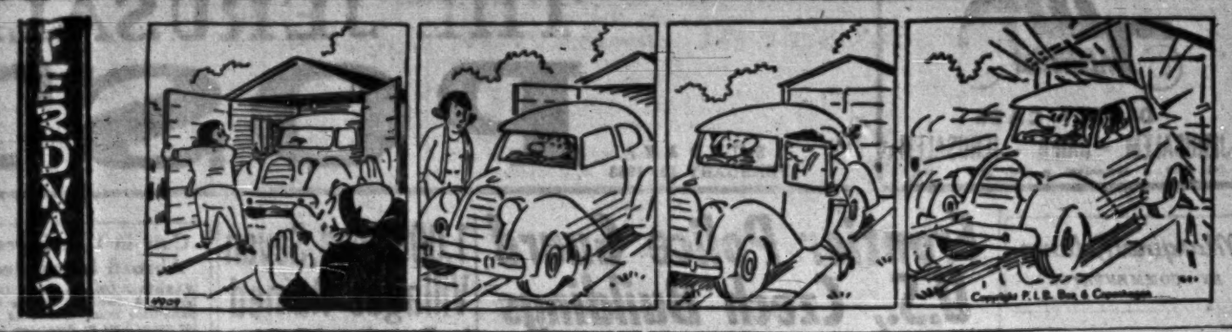
It would, however, be hazardous to rely on this "natural" line of control. It must be admitted that the prices of clothes and footwear did not rise after decontrol because there were not enough buyers, and that many of those who imported luxury goods when money was plentiful in Israel now find themselves in straits because the market has shrunk. But the bold fact is that currency which could have bought basic materials in the last two years was squandered, and that we must beware of similar mistakes in the future.

Import-Export List

There remains the problem of a classified import-list which will have to be drawn up in any case. It might be argued that in order to combat unemployment and exploit the entire production potential of industry, raw-materials must be imported so as to keep the factories busy. This is impossible, because there will be not enough dollars. It is doubtful if it would even be desirable.

Not all industrial plants which have been put up during the last few years will stand the test of efficiency. Moreover, the supreme importance of exporting will at long last have to become a central issue of our foreign trade policy. There is not much hope that exports can be increased quickly. Much depends on the international market, on the quality and the price of our goods.

It would be self-deception to think that we could sell for many more millions if only we wanted to. But in this direction lies the solution to the problem even if the road is long. Imports will therefore have to give first priority to raw materials for those industries which are able to export.



REVIEW OF FRIDAY'S PRESS

Diplomatic Break Is Result Of Long-Term USSR Policy

The Soviet decision to break off diplomatic relations with Israel is the main topic of editorial comment in Friday's press and the papers almost unanimously expressed the opinion that this decision is the result of a long term policy adopted long before the Tel Aviv bomb outrage.

"Davar" (Histadrut) says that this is merely an additional step in the anti-Jewish and anti-Zionist campaign launched even before the Prague trials. The demand that the Israel Legation in Moscow should be closed was made to show Soviet Jews that the Cominform does not wish to acknowledge the existence of a symbol of Jewish independence, Jewish unity and hope.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) says that the Soviet note bases itself on facts which are simply not true, such as the allegation that the police connived at and indirectly helped the perpetrators of the bomb outrage, while in fact the Soviet Legation had expressly rejected police protection before the crime. The paper likewise reaches the conclusion that the Kremlin waited for some opportunity to sever relations with Israel because it wished to liquidate the Israel Legation in Moscow.

Dr. Bader writing in "Herut" says that after the publication of the blood lies against the Jewish physicians there was no doubt that relations would be broken off. The bomb on Rothschild Boulevard perhaps hastened the process, and this may have been the main function the bomb had to fulfil. The source of the bomb should be looked for among those who were waiting for a pretext to break off relations and who sabotaged a speedy investigation by not allowing the Israel police to enter the building.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) says that we should strengthen the friendship towards the Soviet Union following its decision to break off relations and fight against what the paper calls "incitement and lies against the Soviet Union." The same paper publishes a letter written by the General Secretary of the party, Mikunis, in which he defends himself against the "allegations" that he engaged in certain "harmful activities" during his recent stay in the Soviet Union.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) views the Soviet decision against the background of the incitement campaign against the Soviet Union in this country which had come to replace an attitude of justified defence against the Prague trial on one hand, and the serious change in Soviet attitude with regard to Zionism and Israel on the other. The paper says that we should not put up with the break in diplomatic relations but fight for Israel independence and simultaneously strive for friendship with the Soviet Union.

Not Taken Seriously

"Hador" (Mapai) says that nobody takes the allegation trying to connect the break with "anti-Soviet incitement" seriously: Moscow did not cut diplomatic ties with Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy at the time of the anti-Comintern pact, nor did she take such action against present-day Yugoslavia.

"Hatzofe" (Mizrahi) says that people in this country have always preserved a certain reserve when dealing publicly with affairs inside the Soviet Union, and especially the situation of the Jews there, while they freely criticized the Western world. Only after the Prague trial and the Moscow blood lies, with the open attacks against the Jews did this attitude change.

"Omer" (Histadrut) says that the Kremlin knew that the bomb attempt was a provocation carried out by enemies of Israel, but used it as a pretext as we had for years refrained from giving a similar provocation and anti-Jewish and anti-Zionist attacks.

"Haboker" (Gen. Zionist) sees the break as an important contribution towards the Soviet attempts to make a deal with some Arab countries (the present mission of the Eastern Germans in Cairo etc.). In view of the paramount importance of foreign policy at the present time, the paper asks for swift action by the Government which is now supported by a large majority.

THE WEEK AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Markets Quiet—Drop in U.S. Commodities

TEL AVIV:—

Turnover remained limited, and the general price-level was little changed. Business in Tavei Dollar was somewhat livelier, but here too quotations recovered only slightly. Tavei Dollar cum coupon closed at 203 against 201 in the previous week. On the share market, Palestine Electric continued their downward trend, London Register closing at 137½ against 140¾, and Israel Register at 145 against 149. Bearer Bonds, on the other hand, rose from 2-3 per cent on vague rumours that they may be used for tax payments to the Tel Aviv Municipality.

NEW YORK:—

Without any considerable sales pressure quotations dropped to a low for 1953. The Dow Jones Industrial Index was about 281 on February 9, and the Dow Jones Rail Average Index about 107, against about 290 and 111 respectively on February 3. The situation is comparable to that in England after the return of Churchill, when, contrary to expectations, the tendency showed not only no upward, but a downward trend. The decline of commodity prices caused some anxiety and it is feared that the removal of prices and wages control might lead to wage demands and strikes.

On the other hand, in many industries price increases are not anticipated since many consumer items are in ample supply. It is also evident that ceiling prices, designed to prevent inflationary increases, served to a certain degree as a "floor" under prices. Moreover, large segments of the economy which had become accustomed to the high-wide-and-handsome methods of handling funds, may prefer or be obliged to follow more conservative lines. Programmes for expansion, for example, may be reviewed and revised.

Motion-picture and theatre issues made an exception from the general tendency. This class of stock is now being favoured because of the mounting interest in three-dimensional picture production.

Return to Gold Standard?

LONDON:—

The very quiet tendency was generally maintained. Long-date gilt-edged issues recorded small gains, while among the Industrials there was modest enquiry for heavy engineering, tobaccos and stores. The market for Foreign Bonds was dull, with the Germans losing ground after being marked down to ex-distribution levels. Japanese Loans fluctuated considerably, but were also lower at the close.

GOLD:—

The slow tendency on free Gold markets was maintained. The free market price came to $37.40—37.50 per ounce, against $37.55—37.65 in the previous week. In the House of Commons legislation was introduced, proposing a return to the gold standard. This measure would "restore the right of American citizens to freely own gold and gold coins; restrain further deterioration of our currency; enable holders of paper money to redeem it in gold coin on demand; and establish and maintain a domestic gold-coin standard."

In Paris, the sovereign quoted Frs.4,590.- on February 9.

New Low in Grains

COMMODITIES:

The U.K. commodity index recorded 510 against 512½ in the previous week. American markets for grain and cotton were weak. At Chicago, a series of heavy selling waves sent grain futures contracts to new lows for a year or more in the sharpest one-day loss since the decline started last summer.

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South Africa Draw Test Series

With a fine second innings effort, South Africa gained a six wicket victory over Australia at Melbourne in the fifth and final cricket test last Thursday. Thus the five-game series ended in a draw with two victories each for each side and one draw. The final scores were: Australia, 520 and 209. S. Africa: 435 and 297 for 4 wickets.

Helped by a double century by Harvey and a record seventh wicket stand of 111 runs by Cheetham (68) and Mansell (52), Australia knocked up 520 in their first innings. South Africa were in trouble early in their reply but a stand by Morris (44) stopped the rot and the Tourists carried their overnight score of 89 for 3 to 435. Australia's Johnstone did a fine bowling job in taking six wickets for 132 runs in 46 overs.

Lower Score

The South Africans fought back when the "Aussies" went in the second time and spearheaded by 21 year old Fuller, playing in his second test, dismissed the home team for 209, the lowest of the tour. Fuller took five wickets for 66 runs, after a spell of three for 14 with the new ball. Tattlefield three for 73 and Mansell two for 20. Australia's 17-year-old Craig was the top scorer with 47 and he figured in a fourth wicket stand of 48 with Hassett. In the remaining time, South Africa hit up 94 for 1, with Endino contributing 37 not out. Waite went to Noblett at 12.

On the final day, Endino and Watkins put on 82, the former going when he had scored 70, to Johnstone, while Watkins continued and left after he had knocked up 50. Keith (40) and MacLean (76) figured in a fourth wicket undefeated stand of 106 to hit up the necessary runs.

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Chelsea Win Marathon Cup-Tie at Highbury

Chelsea, the London First Division English League soccer side, who are second from bottom of the table, defeated the current leaders, West Bromwich Albion, 4-0, in the third replay of their 4th Round cup-tie at Highbury (the Arsenal ground) on Wednesday. Thus after 420 minutes play, which drew gates of about 160,000 fans, who paid just under £22,000, the "Pensioners" won the right to meet Birmingham City in the fifth round.

West Bromwich opened with strong attacks in the first half hour but were weak in finishing and the Chelsea defenders gradually got on top. The first half proved fairly even and brought no score. In the sixth minute of the second period, the Chelsea centre-forward, Roy Bentley, scored from a good pass from Parsons, to give the Londoners the first lead they had in all the meetings. Parsons added No. 2 from a well placed pass from 18 year old Spector, and Bentley got the third from a corner by Spector. Campbell added the fourth Chelsea goal just before the end.

OTHER RESULTS: Scottish Cup — 2nd. Round replays: Hamilton Ac. 2, Kilmarnock 0; Celtic 3, Stirling A. 0.

Jenkins Gains World Skating Title

Allan Haig Jenkins, of the U.S. won the men's world figure skating title, in Davos, Switzerland, last week. Another American, Brogen, came second. The brother and sister team of Johnny and Jennifer Nicks, England, won the world crown for figure skating pairs. Frances Dafoe and Norris Bowden, Canada, finished second and another brother-sister team, Marianne and Laszlo Nagy, Hungary, came third.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

8.30-12.30: American Library and Reading Room, 11.5, Considine, Mamilla Road. Entrance Free.
9-5: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, Romema, Bus 15. Feeding time: 2-3 p.m.
9-1; 2-5: Exhibition: Musical Instruments, Masks of Primitive Peoples. Contemporary Israeli Painters.
9-4: Archaeological Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.
10-1: Sanhedria Tombs.
10-1; 4-6: Exhibition, Ruth Bamberger, Haifa Artists, Artists House.
11.30-12.30: Film Show at Keren Hayesod Head Office.
8.30 p.m.: Latin-American Ballet, Edison.

TEL AVIV

8 p.m.: "Saint Joan" Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall.
6-7: Exhibition of Chinese and Japanese Art, Museum.

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440, 225, 214, 43.9 M.
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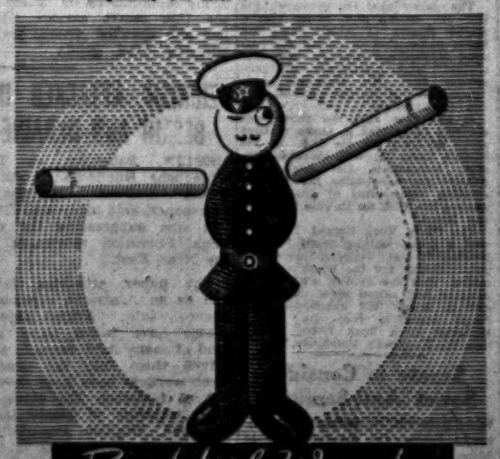

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Jerusalem	54	10	23	20
Beersheba	55	8	24	24
Eilath	—	10	30	30

FORECAST: Warm and dry. Increasing high and medium level clouds.

°A) Humidity at 1 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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MEIR STEINBERG, a former inmate of the Nazi concentration camp "Maiek" in Austria, who was charged with maltreating other Jewish prisoners in 1944, was acquitted for lack of evidence by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on Friday.

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FOUND GUILTY of possessing a bicycle suspected to have been stolen and refusing to submit to fingerprinting, Yitzhak Biton, 22, of Tel Aviv, who was unable to declare the ownership when he was caught in the "Salahi" market, Jaffa, last January, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on Friday.

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SOME 3,000 Ramla school children, who lost a day of school on Thursday when 65 teachers went on strike in solidarity with 15 kindergarten teachers, returned to school on Friday after the teachers were promised that their January salaries would be settled soon.

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NINETY PAYIS lottery tickets were stolen on Thursday night from the private flat of Mr. Shlomo Yoel, of Jaffa... 900 PACKAGES of cigarettes were taken from a "Maspero" car left unattended for a few minutes in Rehov Merhavia in Tel Aviv at midday on Thursday.

Two Infants Killed In Accidents

NATHANYA, Saturday. — An 18-month-old boy, Avinoam Fishbaum, drowned yesterday at noon when he fell into a water barrel outside his house here.

He had been alone in the yard while his mother was busy in the house. When she came out a short time later she found his body in the low barrel, which had been standing under a garden tap. His body was taken to Tel Hashomer Hospital.

A four-year-old Arab girl from Kafr Musmus on the Wadi Ara road was fatally injured when a car ran over her at 4 p.m. yesterday. She died on the way to Affula Hospital. The driver was arrested.

Shalom Itzhaki, 15, and Hayman Edmond, 30, a constable, were seriously injured in a road accident in which a vehicle of the Prison Services was involved on the Tel Aviv-Nathanya road this afternoon. Police declined to reveal details of the accident.

Two Elderly Persons Injured by Cars

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—A military vehicle hit Mr. Yehuda Bejerano, 70, near Beit Dagon on Thursday evening, injuring him seriously. He was taken to the Assaf Harofe Hospital at Sarafand.

At the same time Mrs. Mirial Mordo, 79, was hit by a private car in Rehov Dizengoff here and taken to the Municipal Hospital in a serious condition.

The first driver was handed over to the military police while the other, Marcus Gottlieb, of 152 Rehov Yehuda here, was detained and later released on bond.

Sergeant L. Geverto, a Marine attached to the American Embassy in Tel Aviv, was hurt when a taxi collided with his motorcycle at Km. 28 on the road from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem on Friday afternoon. Miss A. Amar, of Ramat Gan, riding pillion, was also hurt. Both were taken to Ziv Hospital in Jerusalem. The taxi-driver was detained.

Farmer Scares Off Four Marauders

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—Four Arabs who had stolen a mule from a barn in the Jerusalem corridor were forced to abandon the animal after its owner, Yosef Shachar, gave chase to the thieves, firing at them repeatedly. The marauders fled over the border.

In the South, two marauders stole parts of a water pump and some blasting explosives from a settlement on Thursday night.

An old half-blind horse was stolen on Thursday night from the stable of Ya'acov Braun in the Sharon by five marauders whose tracks led over the border.

Acquitted for Lack Of Evidence

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM) — Bouko Klein and Miko Samo, Communist Party members charged with forcibly preventing Mrs. Lea Chizik from entering a closed Party convention in the Bet Ha'am Hall last May, were acquitted for lack of evidence by the Magistrate's Court yesterday. The claimant was ordered to pay costs.

Mrs. Chizik, a former member of the Communist Party, tried to force her way into the convention, but was prevented from entering when she could not show an invitation card. She told the Court that Klein and Samo "twisted my left arm and I felt nails digging into my hands," but Magistrate M. Tchernovisky gave them the benefit of the doubt, as no other witnesses could corroborate her statement.

Appearing for the claimant was Mr. A. Azri and for the defendant Mr. S. Wiesner.

12 Clerks on Strike In Mayor's Office

Demanding that the Jerusalem Municipality employ 150 more jobless, 12 clerks of the Jerusalem Labour Exchange began a sit-down strike in the Mayor's office on Friday morning. They declared that until the Municipality granted their demand, the strike would continue and be extended to Government offices as well.

The unemployment situation in Jerusalem worsened since last month; an additional 400 out-of-work brings the number of those without any employment at all to 1,200.

JOBLESS CHARGED WITH DAMAGING PROPERTY

HAIFA, Saturday. — Thirteen jobless who caused a row at the Labour Exchange offices here last Wednesday and allegedly destroyed property worth IL.500, were released on IL.50 bonds each yesterday. The police charged them with forced entry, wilful damage of property, and causing a disturbance.

Personal Notice

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'Alarming Rise In Delinquency Rate'

An alarming growth in juvenile deliquency was revealed by Mr. B. Shitreet, Minister of Police, at a youth rally organized by the Jerusalem Labour Council in the Capital on Friday.

Last year, 3,400 young lawbreakers were brought to trial, compared with 1,540 in 1950 — an increase far greater than the population-rise warranted. The Minister said that to diminish this rate was not the responsibility of the police alone, but of every educational and social institution. Mr. Shitreet admitted that probation schools for the rehabilitation of young offenders, needed much improvement.

Boy Held for Breaking Mission Windows

A 15-year-old boy, who had come to this country from India eight months ago, has been arrested in Jerusalem on suspicion of having broken the windows of the Church of St. Theresa in Katamon and the Bible Evangelistic Mission in Mamillah Road, Jerusalem.

Bet Ha'am Requisitioned For Knesset Premises

The Ministry of Finance has issued a requisition order for the Capital's half-built Bet Ha'am to provide temporary accommodation for the Knesset, the Bet Ha'am Committee announced on Friday.

Faced with lack of funds the Committee had suggested to the Knesset Praesidium that it take over the building, complete construction, and return it after three years to the owners when the new Knesset premises would be ready in the Kirya. The Government replied with a requisition order without a time-clause.

The Bet Ha'am Committee asked the Praesidium and the Government to find alternative premises for Bet Ha'am, which was to serve as a centre for cultural activities in Jerusalem. They pointed out that the site had been leased from the Jewish National Fund, and the building was begun with funds collected abroad and donated by the Jewish Agency and the Municipality.

SOLDIER FALLS IN LINE OF DUTY

PETAH TIKVA, Saturday (ITIM). — Zion Etsate, 20, a soldier who "fell in the line of duty and died" of wounds sustained after the Army vehicle he drove near Beersheba overturned last week, was buried with full honours here yesterday.

He was eulogized by Rabbi Y. Meshorer, of Mahane Yehuda.

Rubber Workers Ask Probe Into Imported Boots Order

HAIFA, Saturday. — The Rubber and Plastics Industries workers' committee demanded here yesterday that the State Controller investigate the granting of import licences for at least $70,000 worth of rubber wellingtons by the Commerce Ministry.

They said the boots now on the way here for Hamashbir Hamerkazi and Avnal (Bata), would put more than 100 out of work. The committee asked that the Government confiscate the boots and send them back, or alternatively put a very high protective duty on them. They complained that the imported boots were of the "luxury" type, and fashionable, but no better than the locally-made black laquered boots for keeping out the rain.

Establishment of State Bank Delayed

It is not expected that the Israel State Bank will be established this year, in view of the various financial and legal problems which have to be solved first, financial sources indicated in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Cabinet discussed the problem last week, but did not take any decision, as the report of a U.N. financial expert who had been asked to advise the Government on this issue has been received yet. The Bank, therefore, is not likely to start operations before 1954.

Police Begin Search For Missing Man

The police have begun a search for Yosef Levy, 25, who disappeared from his home in the Even Yisrael quarter in Jerusalem a week ago. The police have also turned to the Jordan authorities, through the Israel delegation to the Mixed Armistice Commission, to establish whether he had crossed the lines.

The young man went to work on February 8, since when no trace of him has been found. He is of dark complexion, has curly hair, brown eyes and was last seen wearing blue trousers. He speaks Hebrew and Spanish.

Detained for Smuggling Israelis Across Border

An order of detention for seven days was issued by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court on Thursday against Joseph Zalal, suspected of smuggling Israelis across the border.

The Police declared that Zalal is believed to have helped Flora Shikarsky, 28, cross the border in order to go to Iraq. Suspicion was aroused when she disappeared from her home in the German Colony, in Jerusalem, last February. Police investigations are continuing, particularly in Haifa and Nazareth.

GRASS.—A B-36 bomber crashed near Cone Bay, Labrador, on Thursday night killing three of the crew, seriously injuring six others and slightly injuring the other eight. The bomber was on its way home from a flight to England.

More Vegetables, But Fewer Eggs Marketed

There were 49 per cent more vegetables (10,700 tons), but 43 per cent less eggs (15 million) were marketed during November, 1952 as compared to the same month in 1951, the Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research reports.

Other items marketed were: deciduous fruits, 36 tons (200 per cent more); other fruits, 85 tons (73 more); poultry, 444 tons (88 more) fish, 794 tons (69 more). The quantity of milk dropped by seven per cent (5,276,000 litres) and bananas by six per cent (490 tons).

Sales of Tnuva products in December, 1952 totalled IL.5,183,400, 80.8 per cent higher than in December 1951, when they amounted to IL.2,867,500.

The most spectacular rises were recorded for milk and dairy products (79.4 per cent), vegetables and potatoes (190.7), preserves (142.3), and cattle for meat (479.7).

The latest report reveals, on the other hand, that milk deliveries remained almost stationary, with 4,200,000 litres in December, 1952, against 4,241,000 in December, 1951, or a decline by 0.9 per cent.

Sales of vegetables marketed by Tnuva reached 5,800 tons in January, as compared to 4,150 tons in January, 1952, an increase of 34.8 per cent.

Wholesale prices rose by 6.8 per cent during December, the Bureau also reports. Margarine rose by 47 per cent; salad oil, 15; standard flour, 32; standard bread, 13; rice, 13; sugar, 56; coffee, 47; tea, 56; denatured alcohol, 84; and benzine, 6. Tomatoes, potatoes, carrots and oranges also went up in price.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM DISTRICT: Needles 500 grams temporary, 10. Laundry soap 1 cake, with additional one for grade A-type. Tea 4b temporary, 26. TEL AVIV DISTRICT: Eggs 5, Feb 17, temporary 15, zones 1, 2, 11, 12.

Citrus Production Boosted by T.C.A.

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — "The production rate of handling citrus fruit in Israel has been raised by at least 20 per cent this year over last year — a healthy bit of added wealth for Israel, resulting from a mere matter of technical assistance in which T.C.A. technicians participated with the Ministry of Labour," Mr. Raymond Stickney, chief of the Industry and Transportation section of T.C.A. in Israel, said here yesterday.

He was speaking at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Commercial and Industrial Club here. Other guests present included Mr. Bruce McDaniel, T.A.C. coordinator, who introduced the speaker; the Ambassadors of the U.S. and Britain, Mr. Monnett B. Davis and Sir Francis Evans; the Minister of Italy, Marquis Raimondo Giustiniani; senior officials of T.C.A. and of the U.S., British and Italian diplomatic representations in Israel.

Mr. Stickney said that the idea of T.C.A. was not to persuade other people to do things the American way, but to help them do what they wanted to do. With this aim in view 2,445 U.S. technicians had been assigned to work in 35 free countries, and 34 of these countries had sent 2,862 specialists to other countries, mainly the U.S., for post-graduate training.

Israel had sent to the U.S. or had selected to send 48 technicians in railroading, ceramics, chemicals, agriculture, citriculture, electric power and other fields. Every branch of industry in Israel would receive some form of technical help, he said.

American Borrowing

The speaker pointed out that the world programme had cost the U.S. taxpayer $270m. while the participating countries had themselves made contributions in the local currency estimated at at least $188m.

America itself had gone through a long period of "borrowing." "We borrowed our people. Every race and nation is represented in the U.S.," Mr. Stickney said, adding that among other things "borrowed" were political and moral principles, culture, including music, art, medicine, law and science. Wheat, rye, oats and barley had come from Europe, winter wheat from Turkey, rice from the Orient, asparagus, beets, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, celery and melons from the Middle East.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. A. Rojansky, president of the Club.

UNICEF Suggests Milk Substitutes

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday. (USIS). — Food such as milk substitutes made from soy beans, and flour made from fish may be the answer to chronic hunger affecting two-thirds of the human race, according to a report of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

The report, released earlier this week, notes that hunger cannot be alleviated in underdeveloped countries by continuous huge imports. Volume imports of milk, for example, are too costly to be practical.

Yet many countries unable to support a dairy industry can grow low-cost, high-protein-content soy beans on a large scale, and many nations have access to untapped quantities of fish. Fish can be processed into flour or meal. This meal, added to soups and gruels comprising the main diet of people in these countries, supplies the essential nutrients.

The report points out that processed soy beans, peanuts and fish have already worked out successfully on a limited scale in child feeding programmes. At the same time the UNICEF study cautions that mass production of the right foods is not enough. Food must reach needy groups such as pregnant and nursing mothers, infants and young children.

The information in the report is the result of deliberations carried on at the recent Rome meeting of UNICEF, the U.N. Department of Social Affairs, the International Labour Organization, the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the World Health Organization.

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2,000 Dutch Jews Pray at Flood Service

By HENRIETTE BOAS
POST Correspondent

AMSTERDAM.—Two thousand Dutch Jews gathered here in the three century-old Portuguese synagogue, the "Esnoga," on the afternoon of Sunday, February 8, the Netherlands National Day of Prayer for the flood disaster. Not a seat in the hall and women's galleries was unoccupied.

By 17th century custom, the great hall is lit only with wax candles. But on this afternoon the great candelabras suspended from the ceiling were unlit in symbol of mourning. Only candles by the seats and the light that filtered through the high windows from the glittering snow outside illuminated the service.

Cantor S. Nabarro read the prayers, including one specially composed, in the hour-long service. The sermon was delivered by the Portuguese Chief Rabbi, Haham S. Rodrigues Pereira.

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Three generations had been inspired by Martin Buber's teachings, Professor H. Bergmann said at a reception given by the Hebrew University at the Tourist Club, Jerusalem, on Thursday evening, to mark the 75th birthday of Professor Buber. The speaker's own connection with his master began more than fifty years ago at the Prague "Barkochba," where the famous "Three Speeches on Judaism" were first delivered.

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Dr. S. N. Eisenstadt, lecturer in sociology, gave an address on Buber's social thought and teachings, their religious aspect, their impact on society and the Jewish labour movement. He stressed the importance of Buber's present work as head of the College for Teachers of Adult Education who have inscribed him in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund.

In his reply, Professor Buber gave a highly dramatic account of experiences with two paintings by Correggio and Rembrandt which gave him a deeper insight in the meaning of "dialogical life," the central theme of his philosophy.

Pilots Get Wings

Graduates of a pilots' and navigators' course received their wings in a passing-out ceremony at which the Chief of Staff and the Commander of the Air Force participated, it was announced on Friday.

Congratulating the young airmen, the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf M. Makleff, stated that every addition to the ranks of our pilots was a festival for the Army and the State. The military and air attaches of Britain, France and the U.S. were present.

'PRAVDA'

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and reiterated previous charges against the Israel Government of diplomatically slandering the Soviet Union and inspiring the "criminal act of the Zionist terrorist organization of Fascists which openly boasted they were preparing terrorist acts against the Soviet Mission in Tel Aviv."

Foreign Minister Sharett's address to the Knesset of January 19 was described as a "pogrom speech" openly inciting an attack against the Soviet Union, and the official Israel apologies as a "false and clumsy manoeuvre which cannot deceive anybody."

Israel Minister Shmuel Eliashiv and his staff held their last traditional Friday night "open house" attended by a large number of diplomats. The institution, started in 1949 by Israel's first envoy, Mrs. Golda Myerson, has continued uninterruptedly since then.

The evenings drew varied groups of diplomats of all countries who appeared to enjoy discussing current topics in an easy, informal atmosphere not common at diplomatic gatherings.

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T.A. Maccabi, Hapoel Tie in Tense Match

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Some 8,000 spectators saw a thrilling football match between the Tel Aviv Maccabi and Hapoel teams come to a draw today. Fritzner, of Hapoel, shot a goal in the seventh minute of the first half and Glaser scored one in the 15th minute. Both sides fought stubbornly and the score remained 1-1 till the end of the game at the Maccabiah field.

The kickoff was made by Mr. Albert Glaser, a sports promoter from Turkey, who is in Israel to arrange games between Turkey and Israel.

Spiegel, of Hapoel Petah Tikva, scored two and Carmeli one goal when they beat Betar Tel Aviv in Petah Tikva this afternoon. Gannbash, of Betar, managed to slip in a goal before the end.

FRIENDLY GAMES

Affula Hapoel 7, Brit Poalei Eretz Israel Nazareth 0; Nathanya Maccabi 1, Nathanya Betar 1; Mahane Yehuda Hapoel 13, Even Yehuda Maccabi 1; Jaffa Maccabi 2, Bnei Yehuda Tel Aviv 1; Nathanya Hapoel 3, Ra'anana Hapoel 3; Petah Tikva Hapoel 4, Kfar Saba Hapoel 1; Kiryat Haim Hapoel 1, Hedera Maccabi 1; Maccabi Shikmona, Rehovot 2, Jerusalem Maccabi 1; Christian Club Haifa 1, Hadera Hapoel 1, Jerusalem Hapoel 1, Rehovot Hapoel 0; Even Yehuda Hapoel 2, Sports Club Athlit 0; Haifa Hapoel 'B' 4, Haifa Degel Yehuda 4; Haifa Post Office 5, Hapoel Veterans 2.

In League basketball games in Haifa, Maccabi Haifa defeated Maccabi Jerusalem 45 to 44. Centre forward John Hardy, of the Haifa team, was taken to a military hospital with possible rib fracture.

A new record in shotput was established with a throw by Baruch Habash, Maccabi Hasafon, of 13.66 metres, at the Maccabi track and field competition in the Tel Aviv Stadium today. This broke his former record of 13.63 metres.

Scores in the Hapoel basketball competition at Hadera were: Holon 38, Geva 22; Tel Aviv 44, Mayan Baruch 37; Tel Aviv 24, Geva 22; Holon 51, Mayan Baruch 43; Haifa 39, Afikim 38; Mishmar Haemek 42, Geva 22.

JERUSALEM SPURNS FEES FOR PORK INSPECTION

Mr. Y. Kariv, Mayor of Jerusalem, issued an order on Friday to the Municipal Veterinary Department, forbidding it to take payment for inspection of pig carcasses. The religious affairs and the legal committees of the city council recently met to discuss ways of banning the sale of pork in Jerusalem, but found it was impossible to do this legally.

DANES TO SEARCH SHILO FOR TABERNACLE

COPENHAGEN, Saturday (JNA).—A Danish scientific expedition has left for Arab-held Palestine to search for biblical inscriptions and other archaeological data in Shilo. They also intend to search for remains of the Tabernacle. The leader is Professor P. J. Riis.

(Shilo was the site of the Tabernacle after Joshua's conquest of Cana'an. It is situated in Jordan territory between Jerusalem and Ramallah).

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Mekhlis, Top USSR Leader, Dead at 64

MOSCOW, Saturday (Reuter). — Lev Zaharovich Mekhlis, 64, one of the two Jewish members of the Central Committee of the All-Union Communist Party, died in Moscow yesterday "after a long and serious illness."

In 1950 he resigned from the Ministry of State Control, whose main task is to maintain political control of the Army. He was considered one of the most hated men in Russia. Apart from Lazar Kaganovich he was the only Jew left in the higher reaches of the Party and he owed his position to Marshal Stalin's personal support, which he earned in the Red Army purge of 1937.

The cause of death was given by TASS as heart failure arising from general arteriosclerosis.

Mekhlis joined the Communist Party in 1918 after serving in revolutionary units in the Civil War. At the outbreak of World War II he was assigned by the Central Committee to work with the Army and was given the title of Colonel-General. He was awarded four Orders of Lenin and many other decorations.

TASS called him, "A loyal son of the Party of Lenin and Stalin, devoted to the end to his socialist motherland."

Prominent Soviet leaders took turns of standing in a guard of honour today around his bier. All day hushed throngs of mourners filed slowly past the bier surrounded with flowers amid the tall columns of the main hall of the House of Trade Unions.

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Cables in Brief

BANK.—Eugene Black, President of the International Bank, and Sir Edmund Hall Patch, British member of the Bank's Directorate, have left New York for a seven-week tour of Egypt, Ethiopia, Iraq, Kuwait, the Lebanon and Turkey.

STEVENSON.—Adlai Stevenson, defeated Democratic American Presidential Candidate, has announced his intention to visit Korea in March as part of a world tour.

MALTA.—The American State Department has postponed the closing, for lack of business, of the American Consulate at Valetta, Malta, for about a month to study "numerous new factors."

BLOOD.—The U.S. Army has authorized full-scale trials of dextran, a substance derived from cane or beet sugar, as a substitute for blood plasma. It has been tested in Korea as a "completely adequate substitute" for some important uses, the Army said.

ASYLUM. — Three British soldiers have been granted asylum in East Germany, the Russian authorities told the British Army in a note on Friday.

DELAY. — Twin boys have been born to a 24-year-old woman in Sydney, Australia, at an interval of 26 days. The first was born on December 16 and the second on February 10. Both are doing well.

Phone Warning Sends Meeting Into Courtyard

The Israel U.S.S.R. Friendship League held an uneventful rally on Friday night in the courtyard of the Semadar Cinema, Jerusalem, following two anonymous telephone calls on Thursday and Friday, warning the management that the cinema would be burnt down if the meeting took place. A League meeting scheduled for two weeks ago was cancelled after a similar threat.

Some four hundred people, let in to the yard "by invitation only" heard Mr. Y. Riftin, Mapam M.K., hurl abuse at the instigators of "a new Fascist era in Israel."—those who tried to silence the true friends of our people by throwing bombs, burning bookshops and denying free speech.

Speaking in Tel Aviv at a Communist Party meeting celebrating the sixth anniversary of the establishment of "Kol Ha'am" as a daily newspaper, Mr. S. Mikunis, M.K., said on Friday night that the Soviet Union had not broken off diplomatic relations with the people, but with the Government of Israel. Describing Prime Minister Ben Gurion as a "reactionary," he forecast for him "the same fate as Hitler and Mussolini."

He called for a "united front to win back the friendship of the U.S.S.R." and hoped that in 20 years, the Jews of Israel would be as well off as the Jews in the Soviet Union. There were no disturbances at either meeting.

In Nazareth, Mr. Rustum Bastuni, M.K. (Left Faction) and Mr. Emil Habibi (Communist) addressed an orderly gathering of about 400 people, including 15 women, in the town's main square at 5 p.m. yesterday. The Israel-U.S.S.R. Friendship League sponsored the assembly.

Mr. Bastuni held the Israel Government responsible for the explosion at the Soviet Legation and said that without Russian and Czech aid Israel would never have come into existence.

"A country that oppresses its citizens is not worthy of relations with the U.S.S.R.," Mr. Habibi declared.

Gruenbaum Refutes Moscow on JDC

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Mr. Yitzhak Gruenbaum said here last night that he did not and could not believe the charges levelled at the Joint Distribution Committee by Moscow. The organization had never diverted from its task of helping Jews and Zionism. He recalled the material help afforded by the Joint to East European Jews after World War I. Mr. Gruenbaum was speaking at the Journalists' Association "vocal newspaper" at the Mograbi Hall here.

Mr. Moshe Kol, of the Jewish Agency Executive, said that the Joint was second in importance to the Zionist Movement in helping Jews, while Dr. B. Krispin, head of Malben's medical department here, said that the Joint had done much for the rehabilitation of the disabled in Israel.

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THE communique issued at the end of the two-day Anglo-French talks held in London gives little hint of the nature of the talks or of the decisions, if any, come to by the representatives of the two Governments. It calls for no exceptional perspicacity, however, to guess at what must have been one of the main subjects of discussion. The French Prime Minister, M. Mayer, has set himself the hazardous task of winning over the National Assembly to the ratification of the European Defence Community Treaty, and to that end must first obtain certain assurances from Britain beyond those which the British Government, up to now, has been willing to give. Among the assurances now required as a means of overcoming the reluctance of the National Assembly to approve a European defence system in which Germany would play an important part—perhaps ultimately a dominating part—is that requiring an extension from 20 to 50 years of the duration of Britain's guarantee to come to the help of any E.D.C. member nation in the event of aggression.

ANGLO-FRENCH TALKS

This requirement is embodied in the first of five new protocols which the French Government wishes to add to the E.D.C. treaty. But it is by far the most important. Whether its acceptance by Britain will have the effect of persuading the National Assembly to ratify the Paris and Bonn agreements is, however, doubtful; for an extension of the period of guarantee still falls very far short of the direct British participation in E.D.C. which French critics of the treaty have always claimed was essential if the European army contemplated in the treaty was not to become, in time, an instrument of German military hegemony. These fears are particularly strong in France owing to the military demands made by Indo-China and the North African territories; and the risk that these demands might prevent France from maintaining in Europe a force evenly balanced with that of her fellow E.D.C. member, West Germany.

It is clear that M. Mayer's anxieties have been increased by his recent talks with the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, and by other factors indicating American impatience with French reluctance to ratify the E.D.C. treaty and the Bonn agreement. The Secretary of State's visit to Europe, far from helping to remove French hesitations, added to them. The Paris newspapers accused him of attempting to bully the French nation and of failing completely to comprehend the peculiar difficulties of France. The whole idea of European unity, both military and economic, appears to have lost ground in France; and the fact that Mr. Dulles's sharp warnings came soon after Frenchmen had been incensed by an article in "Life" Magazine, which described French politics as a "bedroom farce" and France herself as a whore only concerned to stuff billion-dollar bills down her stocking, has not created a temper sympathetic to America's European policy. "Coming on top of the insulting 'Life' editorial," wrote the "Monde," "did Mr. Dulles expect that we would give way to his brutal manner?"

The fact remains that France is in no position to allow her natural indignation to guide her policy. She must at all costs prevent a situation from arising in which Germany would be allowed to re-arm unilaterally and without any kind of supervision. She must, at the same time, secure the practical help of Britain and America in Indo-China. With this end in view, and in order to pacify his own National Assembly, M. Mayer's Foreign Minister went to London in search of British political support. We hope that he was successful; for, in the long run, a European defence system in which France has no confidence cannot be a satisfactory system and may even become a grave danger.

FAITHS UNITE TO REFORM NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter).—Protestant, Jewish, Catholic and Greek Orthodox leaders today began a campaign to stamp out crime and corruption in New York.

Representatives of the various faiths said in a resolution, "We are threatened from within by a moral and ethical degeneration and irresponsibility that saps national vitality, betrays free society, and of itself, if the tide is not turned, can lead us to destruction."

THE WEEK IN THE KNESSET

Tense Sessions Over Incidents

By GERDA LUFT

THE temperature of the Knesset is uneven and clearly reflects the instability in other quarters. Again and again the House goes tense and the result is altercations. In the intervals the hall is deserted and important business is enacted without even the minimum number of members in attendance. Last week there were several examples of this variable climate. The Government, members and the public should not neglect what may be the symptoms of Parliamentary sickness.

The Prime Minister's statement on the attack upon the Soviet Legation satisfied all parties. Why was it impossible to accept this declaration without a debate and without the violent upheaval which followed? If the Left wanted to use the opportunity to introduce a non-confidence vote, this could have been done separately and would, incidentally, have carried more conviction. As it was, the House was merely treated to another unseemly scene of shouting and abuse.

Members' Immunity

There was another incident on Wednesday when Mapam brought up the strange affair of the microphone planted in Mr. Ya'ari's desk at the Kibbutz Artzi offices in Tel Aviv. The Knesset had to deal with an issue which concerns or should concern every member of the House. The immunity of members is involved if any one of them is subjected to this sort of secret surveillance. Weighty arguments can be brought against debating the unfortunate incident in open session but the Committee of the Interior or some other commission should take up the matter, since only investigation at parliamentary level can clear the air of the ugly accusations which were heard in the House on this occasion.

The Knesset will be unable to work if all parties are not ready to stick to parliamentary rules. The Communists have apparently decided to make a nuisance of themselves but only to such a degree as not to be excluded from the House. This is proved by Mr. Vilner's habit of invariably quietening down after his second call to order. The Knesset has learned to accept his outbursts as something inevitable. But Mapam's position is different, and it would be dangerous if the majority were to use its power to vote them into silence.

Between these stormy scenes the Knesset carried on its daily business. Among other items the prolongation of the law regulating the function of the religious councils came up for discussion. This goes back to a law of 1949 and demands budget confirmation for the religious councils by either local authorities or the Minister of Religious Affairs. There are at present 171 religious councils functioning in this country and another 60 are being organized. These councils intimately concern the life of the citizen, as they deal with matters of personal status: birth, marriage and burial, among them. Criticism of the Councils' work is widespread. People who come into contact with them in connection with the burial of a relative are often filled with resentment, as the arrangements often run counter to notions of decorum. The absence of any civil authority for marriages also makes for many complications.

When the Knesset started upon its career it was sincerely hoped that a new law would help to bring about reform in the field of the personal status of the Israel citizen. The Government, has in fact, on several occasions undertaken to introduce a bill to this effect and only this assurance induced some Knesset members to agree to a temporary prolongation of the existing law. Now the Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs has roundly declared that the Government intends no such thing in the near future. This means that a reform of the present unsatisfactory situation has been abandoned, at least for the time being.

Under these circumstances the debate on the prolongation of the bill did not produce anything new. Although several members used the occasion to point out the shortcomings of the religious councils it was done without much vigour. While in former discussions on this issue genuine argument combined with real feeling, this time the advocates of civil marriage and divorce, and better arrangements for burial appeared to have given up hope altogether or to be going through the motions of opposition without much hope of success. Even Nita Malmon who advocated the appointment of women to the Councils stuck her case without her customary zest.

Reviving Interest

This listlessness can be partly explained by the decision to avoid a *Kulturkampf* for the time being. But there is doubt that the Knesset has lost much of its impetus mainly because the coalition partners do not feel free to fight. Moreover, there seems to be no one in the House to grasp the ideal opportunity that the present parliamentary constellation has given to the back-bencher. There are few important private members' bills, and major Government bills are not being tabled. Interest in the House will probably pick up once the budget is introduced. The Knesset will then have the opportunity of examining the work of every government department in detail. In the meantime, while the pressure of unfinished legislation has lessened, there is ample opportunity for members with initiative to press on with proposals which might import new interest to the proceedings.

NATURE NOTES

Literary Plant

"Shrieks Like Mandrakes' Torn Out of the Earth—"

BESIDE the above, (Romeo and Juliet IV, 3) Shakespeare mentions the mandrake three times, and mandragora, the Latin equivalent, twice—in the famous passage of Othello ("No poppy, nor mandragora") it is regarded as a sleeping potion. The Bible has a well-known mandrake story in Genesis 30, 14 ff, and in the Song of Songs its pleasant scent is mentioned. The Talmud, in contrast to the Bible, regards it as noxious and death-bringing, and recommends that it be tied to a dog's tail: the dog in running off will tear it out, the mandrake will howl, and the poor dog will die, while the mandrake will have lost its power!

The plant (Mandragora officinalis, a relative of the tomato and slightly poisonous) grows everywhere on our hills and now, in February and March, is in flower. It is not a striking plant, a perennial with large, cringly leaves like kale, and short-stemmed lilac flowers in the centre. Later these will turn into bright tomato-red berries (*dudaaim* in Hebrew) and if eaten in quantity will turn you sick. A few won't harm and they taste and smell very nice. The extract was used in olden days both as a soporific and an aphrodisiac, which seem mutually exclusive.

The root of the horrific legends seems to be the actual root—which is a thick taproot often branching out so that with some imagination you can see in it a gnarled little man.

P. A.

West Europe Now Fears Steel Glut

By SUSAN STRANGE

LONDON.—ONCE again, the problem of too much steel is beginning to worry Western Europe. Six months ago, the problem was one of allocating acutely scarce supplies among the many users of steel. Now, as in 1949, the prospect of a future surplus is beginning to loom over the horizon. In 1950, before the gloomy prophecies of the experts in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe had had time to be fulfilled, the outbreak of the Korean war put big new demands on the steel mills for Europe. Today, the levelling-off of defence programmes brings nearer the bogey of a repetition of the steel slump of the 1930's, with its unemployment, cut-throat prices and, eventually, cartel agreements, to restrict artificially the amount of steel produced.

Will this miserable story be repeated? And if so, how soon? Or, will a new solution be found to the old problem of balancing the supply of steel, which must be planned for many years ahead, with the demand for it which may fluctuate violently without warning? Such questions are arousing close interest on the European Continent, in France and in Germany and in the other countries embarking on the experiment of the Schuman Plan for a steel and coal pool. And they are arousing interest also in Britain where private business is considering what bids to make for a steel industry about to be denationalized.

Policy of Expansion

For some time past, the E.C.E. experts at Geneva who originally prophesied a steel surplus have been restudying the problem. In a few weeks' time, the results of their study are to be published. They will take the form of two long U.N. reports, and are likely to attract a good deal of attention.

The solution which the experts urge on the countries of Western Europe sounds simple — though it may be harder to put into practice than into words.

It is to pursue policies of economic expansion, of higher production and lower costs, at home; and abroad, energetically to develop new markets in the under-developed countries for Europe's surplus steel.

According to the E.C.E. experts, this could be done by guaranteeing to supply these countries over a period of years with good quality steel at low prices. In their report on "European Steel Exports and Steel Demand in non-European Countries" they will suggest that Western Europe now has a great opportunity to expand its steel exports. As a preliminary contribution, E.C.E. has already begun to collaborate with its sister-Commission for the Far East to facilitate trade in steel between the two regions.

The other E.C.E. report will tackle the problem from what seems to be a technical angle. It is called, forbiddingly, "Flat Steel Products; a study of production and consumption trends." But, since flat or sheet steel is the raw material for the manufacturers of cars, tinned food, ships, lorries, refrigerators, office furniture and a long list of other consumer goods, and the price of it directly influences the price of all these products to the consumer, the report is of very real and practical interest.

Sell at Loss

According to the authors, flat steel — ever since the invention and introduction of the continuous wide strip mill and cold rolling processes — must be produced in quantity to be cheap. It may be, therefore, that a strip mill such as Britain recently built at Margam in South Wales, actually has to produce and sell at a loss for a few years until the cheapness of the product stimulates a big new demand from consumer goods industries. In the United States, certainly, steel companies were "over-producing" flat steel at first, until demand caught up with production. Now, American consumption per head of flat steel is well over four times as much as European consumption, and in historical perspective the period of surplus in flat steel at least, can, according to E.C.E. experts, be regarded as a stage of growth rather than as a disaster.

The answer to the difficulties of the European steel industries will not lie, if the experts are right, in restriction, in price-fixing or in a standstill on new investment in the steel industry. It will lie in expansion both of production and of the market, both at home and overseas. This, as the E.C.E. is aware, is a matter to be thought about by governments as well as by the steel industries of Wesetrn Europe.

(OFNS)

Men and Things

MR. Harriman who was formerly U.S. Ambassador to Russia, has spoken about the current beliefs which he found there. The strongest, most current, seems to have been the "internal contradictions" of capitalism, which must surely lead to the "disintegration of the imperialistic powers." Karl Marx made much of things breaking down because of their own "contradictions,' and the idea seems to be as lively as ever amongst Communists. Yet it cannot be completely true. Take Russian propaganda, for example; it would be simple to make a list of "internal contradictions" in what the Red radio says from day to day; yet it still booms away without any sign of "disintegration." Or a more homely example — little boys who contradict their parents do not show the slightest signs of disintegrating; on the contrary, they seem to grow rather more solid and confident in the process.

Russian Communism advertises itself as taking the clear scientific view, getting rid of the old mental opiums, pie-in-the-sky, and so on, which had formerly beguiled the human mind. But the fact is that the Russian intake of fairy stories is far higher than the Westerner's, although their stories differ from, say, Hans Andersen in one significant way. The Andersen formula is that in the gathering of fairies there is but one bad one; whilst for a story to be successful in Russia every single fairy has to be revoltingly bad. And provided this simple rule is followed, Russians seem ready to believe anything.

W.L.R.

Readers' Letters

COURTESY CAMPAIGN

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — The 'Dan' bus company recently began a campaign of 'courteous service' to the public. I am made daily aware of the extreme efforts of this company to make the campaign a success when I leave Bakia Bet in bus No. 56 at 5.15 a.m. in the cold and often rainy winter weather.

My bus companions, like myself, are hard-working labourers who could ill afford to lose a day's work through illness. I, myself, am over 60. For the past three months I have been travelling in this bus and for this entire period the same three windows have been without glass. And as the sharp cold comes sweeping in, I am reminded of the Dan courtesy campaign.

Yours etc.
S. M.

Bakia Bet, January 13.

Dan Replies

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Mr. S.M.'s letter on the courtesy campaign is rather cynical. One has to differentiate between good-humour, which everybody likes, (and more power to Mr. S.M. who can be so good-humoured) and cynicism which is, in our opinion, out of place.

The decision to begin a courtesy campaign, which involved considerable expense, was taken because 'Dan' wished to improve relations between the public and the company. Its success, however, is dependent on the relationship existing between the driver and the public, which must be based on an appreciation of the one for the other. We impress day and night on our drivers their duty as public servants; but it is also the duty of the citizen to appreciate the strenuous work of the driver and the dependence of the company upon factors over which it has no control.

It is therefore surprising that Mr. S.M. should judge the courtesy campaign and the general service of 'Dan' by three window panes which were missing in a certain bus for a certain period. And though no one underrates the importance of window panes in a bus, they can't serve as a measuring-rod by which the courtesy campaign should be judged.

Yours, etc.,
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Tel Aviv, Feb. 5.

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Silver Summons U.S. Zionists

POST Correspondent

NEW YORK.—THE sum of IL.100,000 has already been deposited in Israel banks towards a youth village and agricultural college to be established at Migdal Ascalon and to be named Kfar Silver, in honour of the 60th birthday of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

This was announced by the President of the Zionist Organization of America, Rabbi Irving Miller, at a dinner given by the Z.O.A. on the occasion, which was attended by ambassadors and leading Christian and Jewish public figures. To the latter, Dr. Silver addressed himself with a blunt reminder of their responsibilities at this critical hour for Jewry.

In contrast to the birthday dinner held in Dr. Silver's home-town of Cleveland a week earlier, where he had confined himself to a few brief remarks, here in New York his reply to tributes from Governor Dewey, Ambassador Eban, and Dr. Emanuel Neumann was a clear survey of the issues facing Jewry and Israel, rounded off with a pointer to Zionist leadership's responsibilities.

Hitler Policy Recalled

Chiding the Arabs for their resistance to every friendly approach for direct peace negotiations, Dr. Silver said that the Arabs seemed as "determined not to have peace in the Near East as the North Koreans and Chinese Communists are determined not to have an armistice in Korea." Their preparations for a second round included the receipt of arms from the United Kingdom. "Great Britain," Dr. Silver said, "has apparently forgotten her tragic blunder of the early thirties when she sent arms to Hitler to be used ostensibly against Communist aggression, only to find them used not long after against Great Britain herself."

Exploiting a bargaining position between East and West, the Arabs baldly said, "Either you throw Israel to the dogs or we go Communist." This attitude was strengthened by the fact that "the Soviet Union has turned violently anti-Israel and anti-Zionist."

Dr. Silver said it was inevitable that, as Israel found herself drawn towards the Western democracies, a negative attitude should develop on the part of the Soviets. But he said he would prefer not to be forced to conclude that the Soviet Union "has become definitely anti-Semitic, or that it has adopted anti-Semitism as an instrument of Communist policy." It was not too late, he believed, for an "authoritative statement" from Stalin to "clarify the situation, set the record straight, relieve the minds of men from fear and suspicion, and avert an appalling catastrophe." Representative Jewish bodies should not overlook the diplomatic approach along with the public protest."

Then Dr. Silver, calling for a vigorous Zionist leadership in the days to come, said that a strong Zionist organization meant that "there will be a wholesome Jewish community, mindful of its total — not fragmentary — responsibilities to Jewish life. It took a long time for the leaders in the Government of Israel to grasp this truth. They have not fully grasped it yet, but they are learning the hard way."

U.S. Jewry's Role

Ambassador Abba Eban was not quite as blunt in emphasizing American Jewry's role. "I would," he said, during his speech in tribute to Dr. Silver, "invite American Jewry to concentrate on the task it holds in common with the people of Israel." He then went on to outline a five-point programme for "thought and action." The five points included: mobilizing world opinion against anti-Semitism; preparation of Israel to provide shelter and freedom to masses of people; strengthening links with "our sister democracies"; to look "to our defences," for Egypt and Jordan had "practically ceased to take any notice of the armistice agreements"; and finally he called for an "aroused and united movement for Israel's consolidation."

It was in the various messages of good wishes that the "strong Zionist organization" ball was tossed back at Dr. Silver.

"I hope," one message in particular said, "he will lend his influence to bring about the union of Zionist forces and full cooperation among all sections of the movement in the United States in the spirit of Zionist fraternity and of the agreement arrived at in Israel recently among the heads of the Zionist organizations." That was the message from Ben Gurion.

MUSICAL DIARY

THIS is the dullest season witnessed in this country in the last 15 years. There were many musical events and guest-stars during the 1949-50 season of seasons, there was a retrogressive tendency during 1950-51, continuing in an alarming way in 1951-52, while 1952-53 is definitely a bad season.

The programmes of the last two I.P.O. subscription concerts were more or less popular promenade mixtures. It seems understandable in the case of No. 5 owing to Otto Klemperer's inability to fulfil his obligations. When Walter Susskind, who made his Jerusalem debut at the Edison on Wednesday, took over at the last moment, there was scarcely enough time to prepare for new works. Whilst the fourth concert, under George Singer, brought Kabalevsky's "Colas Breugnon" overture and Zoltan Kodaly's "Hary Janos," as well as another suite "From Israel" by Ben-Haim, the only premiere, offered in the last series was Frederick Delius' "A Song of Summer," a lovely post-romantic tone-poem, with impressionist tints, influenced by Debussy. Beethoven's "Egmont" overture, that seasoned favourite, provided the curtain raiser. We were pleased that Mr. Susskind succeeded in avoiding the military touch. His interpretation of Delius had great charm and subtlety. As soloist in Mozart's Piano Concerto in A-major (K.488) which he also conducted, Walter Susskind displayed a sensitive though virile touch. Dvorak's Symphony No. 4 (previously conducted by George Singer) received a sympathetic and moving performance although we wonder why Dvorak's Symphonies No. 4 and 5 are always on the bill. The guest-conductor and the orchestra were warmly welcomed in the capital.

French Music

Kol Yisrael's Tuesday night concert at the Y.M.C.A., conducted by George Singer, sponsored by the *Centre de Culture Francaise*, had an all-French programme, opening with Jean-Philippe Rameau's Concerto for Strings. Ravel's "Le Tombeau de Couperin," that masterpiece of instrumentation, was performed with charm and lucidity. The intoxicating climax came with Francis Poulenc's Concerto for two pianos, typical for its clearness, etching and mockery. The poetical reading of this symphony revealed Mr. Singer's remarkable personality as interpreter of romanticism.

The theme, reminiscent of Mozart is in exquisite contrast with bold harmonies and a sense of sound derived from Satie. There are unmistakably *elements from the commedia dell'arte* and a haughty syncopation. The reading by the soloists, Sonia Valine and G. Jarecki, was brilliant, and the orchestra was sparkling. Darius Milhaud's "Suite Provencale" received fine rendering, exuberant in colour and vitality. Mr. Singer, though not in the best of health, offered one of the very few stimulating concerts of the season.

FRANGO

In Haifa

A FESTIVAL concert was presented by the Haifa Orchestra, at the Orah Hall on Wednesday, in honour of President Ben-Zvi, who was, however, unable to attend. The programme, though conventional in character was evidently liked by the audience. It opened with a really good performance of Mozart's Symphony No. 29 in A major. The Mozart Violin Concerto in D major No. 4 was played by the Haifa violinist Mrs. Haviva Winterfeld. This artist was heard on the same platform last season; since then she has developed a charming individuality. Her tone, though small, is of striking purity and warmth, her interpretation a clever combination of emotion and verve. Beside the excellent accompaniment of the violinist, the Haifa Orchestra under the baton of Mr. George Singer gave its best in Schubert's Symphony No. 5.

Maestro from Russia

ANATOLE Fistoulari who will arrive in Israel tomorrow to conduct a series of concerts with the I.P.O. was born in Kiev in 1907. His father was a pupil of Anton Rubinstein and Rimsky-Korsakoff and later became director of the Philharmonic College in St. Petersburg; he was his gifted son's first teacher. At the age of seven Anatole conducted a performance of Tchaikowsky's Pathetique from memory at the Kiev Opera House and afterwards toured Russia as a child conductor. When he was 13 he conducted in Germany and Holland. He then retired to devote himself to study and returned to the rostrum at the age of 24 when he led the Grand Opera Russe in Paris and Spain, with Chaliapine as the protagonist. Later he worked as conductor of the Monte Carlo Ballet during its extended tours in Europe and the United States, and finally settled in England just before the outbreak of World War II. During the war he performed with all the major English orchestras and for some time was the principal conductor of the London Philharmonic Orchestra. In recent years Fistoulari has toured Europe and Britain extensively. He is married to Anna Mahler, a sculptress of distinction and daughter of Gustav Mahler. Mo.

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